

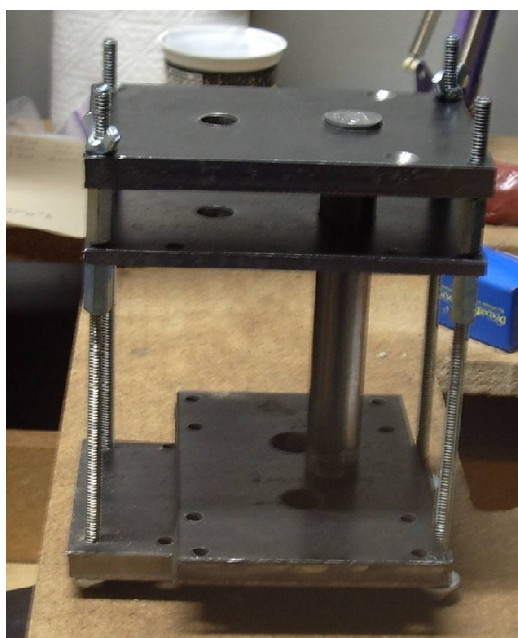
# NEW GOLD TOKEN TO BE STRUCK



The rumors are true (they better be, I started them). There will shortly be a new 5 DWT gold token available (a lead die trial is shown above). I am just waiting for the right gold to walk into the store. This could happen tomorrow, or next year. Readers will be the first to know when they are available. A letter, phone call or email letting us know you want one will get a notice as soon as they are struck.

I will have to experiment to get the weight right. If it is 19.1mm (as shown above), then the blank will have to be about 1.6mm thick. If this is too thick for my disc cutter, then I will have to increase that to 22.2mm and use a thinner blank. In any case, it will probably take a couple of melts and rollings to get it right.

I have been working this summer to engrave the die. Quite frankly, I am not displeased. For someone with no artistic talent, the above results are fully acceptable. It ain't pretty, but it is good enough. Besides, a fully finished, finely engraved product like the Alaska Mint would be, well, like the Alaska Mint. For my purposes, crude is better. More on my purposes later.



and right, set into my workbench), and a stand to hold the bottom die when I am striking (see page 67).

I had a problem with early trial strikes. One side (left-right, not front-back) was not striking up. The block of wood I used for a guide (see photo on page 67) was not bored quite correctly. When viewing the die emerging from the bottom of the wood, the die was coming out at a slight angle. It

To accomplish this, I purchased a Dremel tool and bits. Unfortunately, Dremel does not make a bit fine enough for what I am doing. I went on the Internet and found DollarDiamonds. They make diamond dental bits. Very inexpensive and very small. Previously, I had had some steel plates cut to fit the steel rods that I use for the dies. Originally, these were made to be disc cutters. It works, but the commercially available cutters work better. So they also fill the roll of being a stand to hold the dies when I am cutting them (left,



continued on page 67.

## EDITOR'S COMMENTS

I have been having fun this summer. First, I got play baseball again. Any summer that I play baseball is a bonus at my age. I also got to play with gold from Nome and Fortymile, and now, my new 5 DWT gold token. The front page shows a lead die trial. I may try to cut the die again, so the final product may not look exactly like the one shown.

For your information, all the prototype 5 DWT gold tokens have been sold. These were the ones struck with the 1 DWT dies, and had 5 counterstamped over the 1. Only 6 were struck. Two of the last three sold were made into cuff links. A crime, I know, but I could do nothing about it. So only 4 remain in collectible condition.

Our thanks once again to Dave Phillips. His wooden nickel journey continues.

The Alaska items from our November 4 auction can be found at the end of this issue. There are some scarce pieces there, and some odd ones. Hopefully, there is something there you want (nobody really "needs" these things) and you will honor us by participating in our auction. You may email, phone, or mail in your bids.

One of the reasons I like living in Fairbanks is that it does not rain when it is dark. Usually, when it is dark, it is too cold to rain. I hate driving in the dark in the rain. Well, it will hit +60 today, probably breaking a record high, and it will be dark tonight, and it is raining. Yuck!

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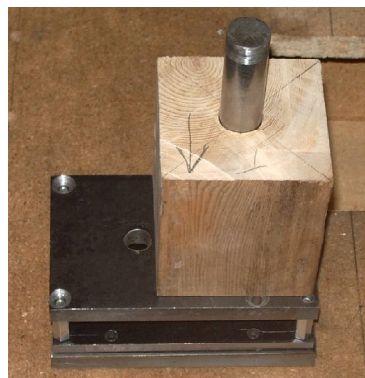
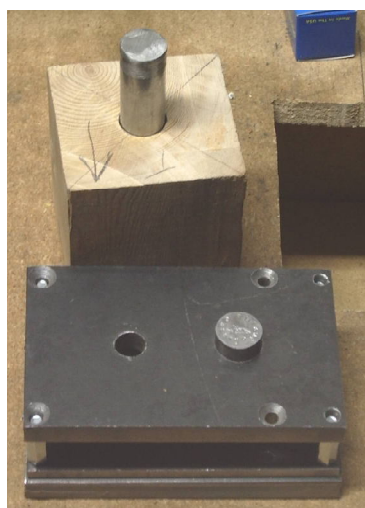
Selected prices realized from eBay:

<b>Adak</b> , Masonic Club, B-2a	125.00OB
<b>Anchorage</b> , Masonic Penny, B-28 unl variety	95.00OB*
<b>Anchorage</b> , Masonic Penny, B-28 unl variety	OB95.00NB*
<b>Cordova</b> , Old Crow Liquor, 12½¢, B-31b	461.00
<b>Douglas</b> , Miners Saloon, 6¼¢, B-27a	421.00
<b>Douglas</b> , Northern, 6¼¢, B-28a	250.00OB
<b>Fairbanks</b> , Idle Hour, 5¢, B-27a	OB195.00NB
<b>Homer</b> , Homer Club, 50¢, B-2a	OB250.00NB
<b>Juneau</b> , Bower, 12½¢, B-10a	300.00OB
<b>Juneau</b> , Dave's Place, 5¢, B-18a	250.00OB
<b>Katalla</b> , Northern, no denom. B-5a (Heritage)	218.50
<b>Katalla</b> , Northern, no denom. B-5a	OB.99
<b>Ketchikan</b> , LOOM (Moose), 12½¢, B-28a??	300.00OB
<b>Kukak Bay</b> , Seashore, no denom., B-3a, poor	212.40
<b>Long</b> , Willis, 50¢, B-2b	OB80.00NB
<b>McCarthy</b> , Priesner, 10¢, B-5bII	150.00OB
<b>Palmer</b> , ARRC, 1¢ and (2) 5¢, B-1a	192.50
<b>Palmer</b> , ARRC, 5¢, B-1b, NGC-62 (Heritage)	143.75
<b>Palmer</b> , ARRC, 5¢, B-1b	49.99
<b>Palmer</b> , ARRC, 10¢, B-1c, PCGS-63	177.50
<b>Palmer</b> , ARRC, 25¢, B-1d, PCGS-58	281.00
<b>Palmer</b> , ARRC, \$10, B-1h	261.76
<b>Palmer</b> , ARRC, complete set (Heritage)	747.50
<b>Palmer</b> , ARRC, complete set (Heritage)	1,495.00
<b>Palmer</b> , Palmer Bar, 50¢, B-4b	OB35.00NB
<b>Seldovia</b> , Johansen, 12½¢, B-3b, 28mm, poor	97.00
<b>Seward</b> , Northern, 12½¢, B-8a	121.49
<b>Seward</b> , Northern, 12½¢, B-8bII	23.50
<b>Seward</b> , Pioneer Club, 12½¢, B-10aI	OB150.00NB
<b>Sitka</b> , Clements, 25¢ B-5unlisted	310.95
<b>Talkeetna</b> , BN Pool Room, 12½¢, B-1aIII	63.00
<b>Tanana</b> , Timothy's Place, 25¢, B-10a	166.66
<b>Valdez</b> , Copper Block, 12½¢ TC, B-4a	40.00
<b>Valdez</b> , Copper Block, 12½¢ I/T, B-4b	41.44
<b>Valdez</b> , Copper Block, 12½¢ I/T, B-4b	40.99
<b>Valdez</b> , Copper Block, \$1, B-4cI, pierced (Heritage)	747.50
<b>Valdez</b> , AK Home Railway, B-c3a	75.00OB
<b>Wrangell</b> , Patenaude, 10¢, B-8 unlisted denom.	420.03
<b>Yes Bay</b> , APF, 5¢, B-1a, very corroded	95.00OB
<b>Dawson, YT</b> , Briars Cigar Store, 25¢	295.00OB
<b>AYPE</b> , ¼ DWT	171.48
<b>AYPE</b> , ¼ DWT	135.38
<b>AYPE</b> , ¼ DWT (Heritage)	287.50
<b>AYPE</b> , (2) ¼ and (1) ½ DWT pin	150.00OB
<b>AYPE</b> , ½ DWT, PCGS-62	OB395.00NB
<b>AYPE</b> , 1 DWT (Heritage)	517.50
<b>AK Gold</b> , ¼ Pinch octagonal, 1902	OB749.00NB
<b>AK Gold</b> , ¼ Pinch octagonal, 1902	RL749.00OB
<b>AK Gold</b> , 1 Pinch round, 1897 (Heritage)	747.50
<b>AK Gold</b> , 2 Toowah, brass???	236.16
<b>AK Gold</b> , ½ (brass)	60.99
<b>FNB Fairbanks</b> , \$5 red seal (Heritage)	27,600.00
<b>Alaska</b> , Heraldic Arts Statehood medal in Gold (Heritage)	2070.00

OB = Opening Bid NB = No Bid RL = relist  
 RNM = Reserve Not Met R = Reserve  
 BIN = Buy it now DNS = Did Not Sell  
 \* = see For the Record

## GOLD TOKEN, CONT.

was off a degree or two. I solved this problem by carefully sanding the block at the right angle. The top photo to the right shows the bottom die holder with the upper die in the block guide. The bottom photo shows the dies in striking position.



And what you may ask, are my purposes? Firstly, and this might sound weird, is entertainment. I have not had this much fun off the baseball field or in the .... (let's not go there) in a long time. Secondly, to make money. Big surprise, huh? I have not accomplished the second yet. I have sold enough tokens to pay for all the gold I have purchased. Now I need to sell that many again to pay for the equipment (and stop buying equipment). Then I will be in the clear with my wife. Thirdly and finally, to make my descendants wealthy. It will take 300 years or more, but I can see it now. In a major numismatic auction these will be sold as rare Alaska gold rush tokens, circa 1900. Imagine what they would be worth now if real, and multiply that by 300 years!



## GOLD TOKENS!!!

We have tokens from Nome gold and Fortymile gold still available. We used up all our gold from these sources and have the following numbered tokens available.



Nome Gold with an "N":

1 DWT, #63, 65, 67, 68, 76, 77, 78

\$75.00



Dome Creek, Forty Mile Gold with an "M":

1 DWT, # 90-94, 98-100

\$65.00

Please include \$4 for postage and insurance per order.

## FORT KNOX MEDAL



Fort Knox is a hard rock mine about 30 miles north of Fairbanks. They produced this medal to note the 3 millionth ounce poured. It is one ounce silver with gold relief on both sides. Available only to employees. A gold medal was also to be produced. Struck by Northwest Territorial Mint.

My project is so insignificant (about 6 ounces poured!).

## DELTA GOLD BAR

Delta Smelting & Refining was a British Columbia firm with an office in Fairbanks in the 70s and 80s. Owners got caught with their hand in the cookie jar. Miners had gold on deposit with them and lost it. We have not seen one of these in years. Approximately ½ ounce, 21.8mm x 12.3mm x 4.7mm.





# MONEY TO BURN

by David Phillips

## Hooligans Saloon, Soldotna

I checked out this saloon on spec in hopes of finding wooden drink tokens. I lucked out!!

Staff told me they had been after management for some time to have wooden drink tokens. The staff knew that tokens are not only useful as “rain checks” for drinks another time, but also are very lucrative to the bar, as very often the tokens are not redeemed. Patrons forget to bring them in, out of town patrons do not get back to redeem them and many are kept as souvenirs (or in wooden money collections).

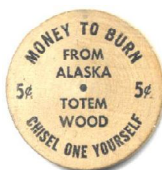
Finally management consented to order some in, and I was able to obtain two samples, as follows:



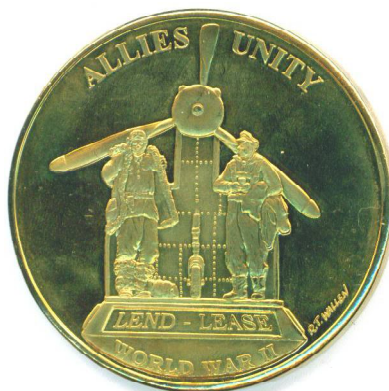
Common obverse “Hooligans” printed in black; Good for one beer printed in black; Good for one drink printed in purple.

These are virtually “hot off the press” as the wooden token program at Hooligans is only days old!

Ed. Note: Well, by this time they are a bit older. Dave collected these this past summer on his trip to Alaska.



# FOR THE RECORD



This medal first appeared in ATC & PN in April, 2002, page 20. It was then shown as gold on 2 oz. silver.

This medal appears to be brass

and apparently was struck to coincide with the dedication of the statue in Fairbanks.



**FAIRBANKS:** Another Fairbanks Daily News-Miner Christmas ingot, undated. Any ideas as to year??



**ALASKA:** Commemorating the 80th birthday of Fred Machtetanz, 1988. Submitted by Ken Rieck, he is not sure where it came from. He thinks it was with a Machtetanz print. The reverse is blank, except for what appears to be an engraved serial number. Bronze.



# MILITARY CHALLENGE COINS, cont.



**CLEAR AFS:** 13th Space Warning Sq., Sentinel of Space. Blue, yellow and red on bronze.

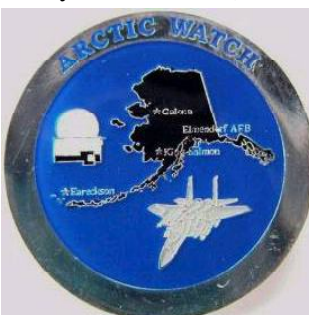
**ELMENDORF AFB:** 3rd Comptroller Squadron, Frontier Style Financial Management; Commit-Pay-Kill. Cool moose! Yellow, red, white, black, tan, gold, blue and light blue on bronze.



**EIELSON AFB:** Arctic Ravens, Always Carry Protection, Jam Harder. Light blue, dark blue, black, red, yellow, gray and white on silver colored metal (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



**ELMENDORF AFB:** 962nd AACS, Heart of the Eagle. Black, white, green and yellow on oxidized silver metal.



**ELMENDORF AFB:** 611 Air Support Squadron. Light blue, dark blue, black, white, yellow and gray on silver colored metal.



**ELMENDORF AFB:** 611 Air Intelligence Squadron, Mr. K's Warriors, Intelligence Operations Flight, Freezing our butts off of Air Sovereignty. Light blue, yellow, purple, red and dark blue on bronze.

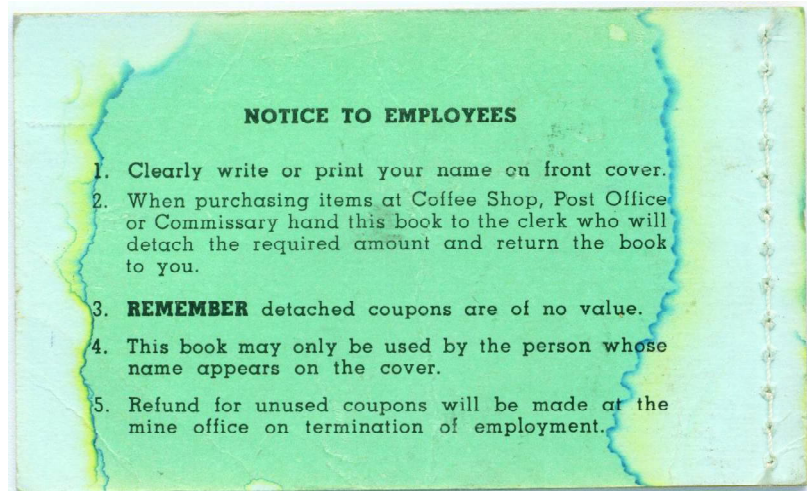
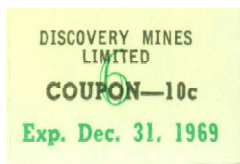
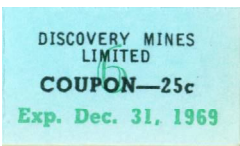
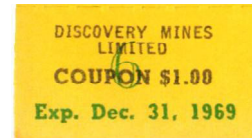
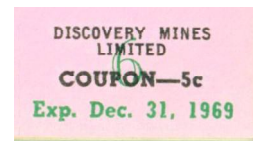
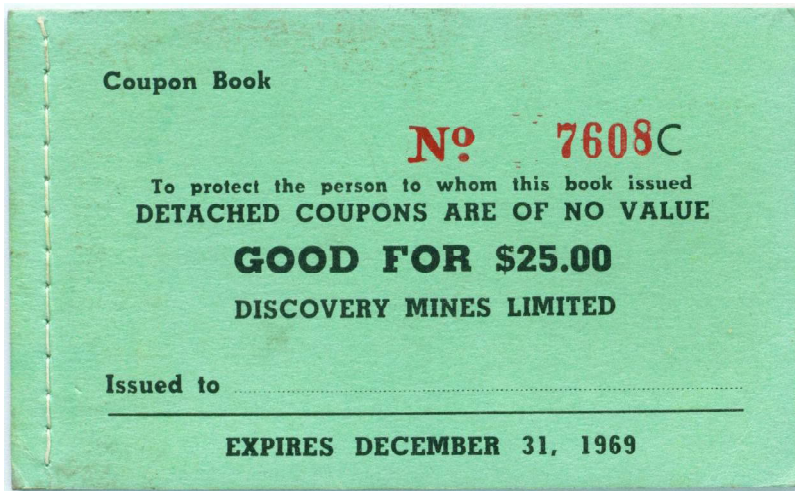


**KEFLAVIK NAS (Iceland):** Air Combat Command, Commander's Coin. Silver finish (submitted by John Kallman).

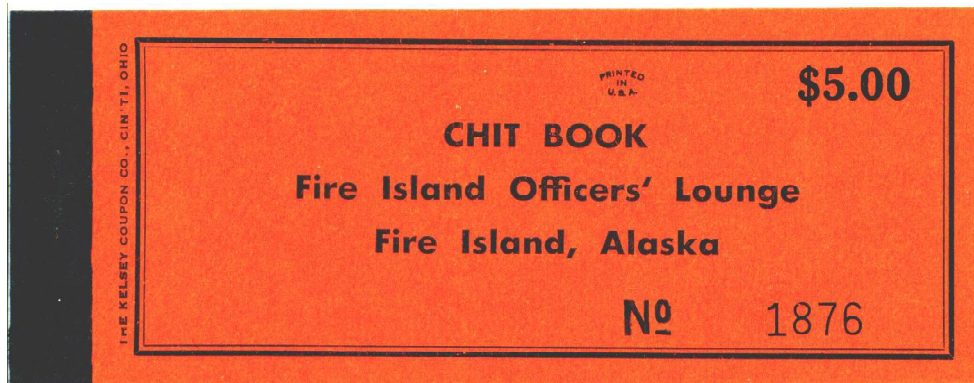
**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Most Challenge Coins are about 38mm to 40mm, though some are larger. All are shown at approximately 38mm, but it must be realized this may not be correct unless a size is given.



# PAPER POTPOURRI



**DISCOVERY MINES, LTD.:** Information with this booklet states: 27 claims Giaque Lake area, 50 miles north of Yellowknife, NWT; 32 claims, LaForma Group on Freegold Mountain, 40 miles from Carmacks, Yukon. The cover is pale green with black printing, red serial number, 105mm by 63mm. The coupons are printed in black with expiration and underprint in green, about 32mm by 17mm: 5¢ pink, one page; 10¢ pale yellow, two pages; 25¢ light blue, three pages; 50¢ pale green, one page; \$1 golden rod, one page (submitted by Candy Waugaman).



**FIRE ISLAND:** Fire Island Officer's Lounge. First time we have seen a full book! (submitted by Joe Usibelli).



# FOR THE RECORD



**ADAK:** Masonic Club, B-2a, listed not illustrated (submitted by Kaye Dethridge).



**KETCHIKAN:** L.O.O.M. 224 (Moose), 12½¢ in trade. Aluminum, 4 scalloped, 30mm (Kaye Dethridge).



**ANCHORAGE:** Masonic Penny. No date, with Penny on obverse, 33mm (submitted by Kaye Dethridge).



**(PILOT POINT):** B.B.P. Co. (Bristol Bay Packing Company), brass ID chit, 32mm (Kaye Dethridge)



**ANCHORAGE:** Masonic Penny. No date, Penny on shield side, 28mm (submitted by Kaye Dethridge).



**SITKA:** John C. Clements (not G as in the book), 25¢ in trade. Aluminum, 30mm.



**CORDOVA:** Old Crow Liquor Co., 12½¢. Aluminum, 30mm, B-31b. Listed, not illustrated (Kaye Dethridge).



**WRANGELL:** L.C. Patenaude, 10¢ in trade. Aluminum, 26mm (submitted by Kaye Dethridge).



**JUNEAU:** Thane Ore House, bifacial. Gold on black and gold on blue, 39mm plastic (Kaye Dethridge).



**NORTHERN COMMERCIAL CO.:** Lower Yukon Stations, \$5. We believe that this (and a similar 25¢) was a prototype for their 1967 commemoratives.